

**BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
URBAN DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE REVIEW PANEL**

MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 22, 2010

Meeting No: 111

Project: MS Eisenhower Library Addition
(Brody Learning Commons)

Phase: Continued Schematic/Final

Location: Johns Hopkins University Campus

PRESENTATION:

Jim Miller of JHU reiterated the content and program of the Brody Learning Commons addition and reviewed the Panel's recommendations from the last meeting. Tom Kearns of SBR&A, Architects gave detailed information on the urban context of the project, discussed regulating lines between the project and the main building, and presented the proposed materials palette for the addition that included brick, glass curtain wall and white marble.

COMMENTS OF THE PANEL:

The Panel generally agreed with the schematic design direction of the project as well as the final proposed materials palette. The following additional comments were offered:

- A. ***Additional windows at corner of reading room mass*** – In response to the architects inquiry, the Panel unanimously agreed that windows should continue around the front corner of the brick reading room mass;
- B. ***The stair component in the reading room mass*** – There was considerable discussion of the unfortunate dominant role of the stair component in the reading room mass. Two major suggestions grew out of that discussion:
 - De-emphasize the stair by relocating or turning it;
 - Reduce the height of the last bay and allow this area (including the stair) to become more of a separate space; consider continuing the clerestory treatment around the entire newly defined reading room mass;
- C. ***The introduction of masonry at the base of the glass wall*** – Consider introducing, or continuing some sort of stone or masonry base to the glass curtain wall as it meets the ground on the front of the addition along the campus path;
- D. ***The main entrance from the elevated plaza*** – Consider strengthening the entrance element at the elevated plaza by increasing its height or mass and possibly introducing the white marble for a more substantial appearance.

PANEL ACTION:

Schematic and Final Approval recommended, subject to consideration of the above comments.

Attending:

Jim Miller, Jennifer Dawson - JHU

Tom Kearns – SBR&A Architects

Ed Gunts – Sunpapers

Ms. Eig; Messrs. Bowden, Britt, Cameron and Ramberg – Panel

Tom Stosur, Gary Cole, Laurie Feinberg, Lisa Morris, Anthony Cataldo, Bob Quilter - Planning